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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM ROBINSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ANSARY'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

1. OUR MEETING WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE ANSARY WAS HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE, ASSURING THE SORT OF OUTCOME YOU DESIRE FOR US-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION MEETING IN WASHINGTON, MARCH 3-4.

2. ANSARY AGREES TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN THE PROTOCOL AND PRESS RELEASE OF JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, REFERRING TO JUST CONCLUDED SEPARATE AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE COMPANIES AND POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS AND INVESTMENTS. TOTAL WILL EXCEED \$10 BILLION. ANSARY HAS GIVEN GO-AHEAD ON CONCLUSION OF PRELIMINARY CONTRACTS WITH WESTINGHOUSE AND NUCLEAR POWER AND DESALTING PROJECTS WITH BECHTEL-UEA ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT, AND WISHES TO ADD SHELL-NIOC CONTRACT FOR REFINING AND US EAST COAST DISTRIBUTION IF AGREEABLE WITH USG. PROJECT LIST FOR US PRIVATE CONTRACTING AND INVESTMENT WILL SPECIFY NEW AREA AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT, PETROCHEMICAL PROJECTS, AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, RAILROADS AND PORTS. TWO BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WILL BE READY FOR SIGNATURE--NUCLEAR ENERGY AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS.

3. BELIEVE IT MOST DESIRABLE IF ANSARY COULD BE ACCORDED APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT FORD DURING HIS VISIT. REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED THROUGH ROUTINE CHANNELS SOME WEEKS AGO. I RECOMMEND THAT YOU PERSONALLY EXPLAIN TO PRESIDENT FORD IMPORTANCE OF HIS SEEING ANSARY IN VIEW
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